

CLAIMS

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A method of making a liquid applicator, the applicator shaped for receiving a frangible ampoule containing a liquid to be applied, the method comprising:

providing a substantially hollow body adapted to receive at least one ampoule; and

positioning at least one porous element comprising colorant such that liquid flows through said element when the at least one ampoule is fractured and at least some of the colorant is transferred to the liquid to be applied.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one porous element is a porous pad.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one porous element is a porous plug.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

coupling to said body at least one mechanism for fracturing the at least one ampoule.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the at least one mechanism flexes said body inwardly to exert a fracturing force against the ampoule.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one mechanism includes elongated gripping members which are diametrically opposed and project from the body.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one mechanism is a lever.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
securing to said body a porous pad, said pad positioned to close off said open end of said body, such that liquid flows into said body and through said element when the ampoule is fractured.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
saturating the at least one porous element with colorant.
10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
allowing the at least one porous element to dry.
11. A liquid applicator for applying a desired liquid to a surface, the applicator comprising:
at least one ampoule formed of a frangible material and adapted to contain liquid to be applied;
at least one hollow body defining an internal chamber adapted to receive the at least one ampoule; and
at least one porous element comprises at least one F, D & C colorant, wherein the porous element is positioned such that liquid flows through the porous element when the at least one ampoule is fractured and colorant is transferred to the liquid to be applied.
12. The liquid applicator as recited in claim 11, wherein the porous element is a porous pad.

13. The liquid applicator as recited in claim 11, wherein the porous element is a porous plug.

14. The liquid applicator as recited in claim 11, further comprising a mechanism for fracturing the at least one ampoule.

15. The liquid applicator as recited in claim 11, wherein the porous element is imbibed with colorant.

16. The liquid applicator as recited in claim 11, wherein the colorant is located on one or more surface of the porous element.